



REVERSE TRANSFER: BEST PRACTICE AND OUTCOMES FOR BOTH TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

A ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS



Background

Rollout Pilot Fall 2013

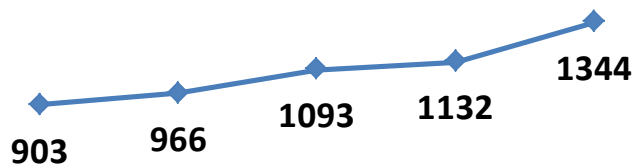
- Randomly selected 100 participants
- 30 Responded to participate in the initiative
- 11 Associates Degrees conferred
- Decision made by UofL and JCTC administration to continue and expand program to all eligible students



Impact



- More than 700 students contacted each semester
- Full rollout, Spring 2014: 171 students earned 232 degrees
- Through Fall 2015:
 - 862 applications
 - 415 students awarded
 - 591 credentials



AY 2009-10 AY 2010-11 AY 2011-12 AY 2012-13 AY 2013-14

The Numbers

415 Students

591 Credentials

Additional Partnerships

JCTC

- Spalding
 - 45 Respondents, 13 students earned 23 credentials
- NKU (no grads to date)
- WKU Pilot in Summer 2016
- In talks with UK and IUS

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- Elizabethtown Community and Technical College
 - Awarded 9 degrees, 12 in pipeline for spring 2016

Obstacles



- Financial holds
- Missing courses
- Resource constraints
- Transcript fees for non-NSC institutions
- Perceptions/Confusion

Benefits

2-yr

- Higher number of conferred Associate's degrees
- Graduation Rates increased
- Increased partnership with 4-years

4-yr

- Increased partnership with feeder school
- Increased gen-ed classroom space
- Increased retention and graduation rate

Student

- Fewer classes to graduation
- Cost savings
- Personal gratification
- Additional perks

Roadmap for Success

Criteria for selection:

- At least 15 hours at JCTC
- At least 45+ hours at UofL
- Minimum UofL gpa of 2.0 (good academic standing)
- Currently Enrolled

Data are requested from IR every
September/January to identify eligible students

[% member:first_name default="Greetings from UofL," %]

We want to remind you that you have been selected for the Reverse Transfer Opportunity (RETRO). Our records indicate that you may have already earned an associate degree in the pursuit of your bachelor's degree. With your consent, UofL would like to send an official copy of your transcript to JCTC for a review of your credits. Complete the application by clicking the button below. **The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 1.**

After you apply, UofL will send your transcript to JCTC for a degree audit. You will receive a response from JCTC May 1-15. Please make sure to provide a correct address.

- If you are awarded a degree, it will be mailed to you
- If you are missing degree requirements, JCTC will provide next steps

If you have any questions please contact the UofL Office of Transfer & Adult Services at 502.852.0166 or transfer@louisville.edu.

Congratulations on your continued academic success!

Submit the RETRO Application NOW

Office of Admissions,
University of Louisville and Jefferson Community and Technical College

*If you have previously completed this application, you must submit again to initiate the process.



FERPA/Consent

We ask students to opt-in to the program by completing an online form. The form serves as student consent for UofL to transmit an official transcript back to JCTC on behalf of the student.

First Name ■

Middle Name

Last Name ■

UofL E-Mail Address ■

Student ID ■

Street Address ■

City ■

State ■

Zip Code ■

Community College ■

I consent that UofL can send my official transcript back to my transferring community college for review of a possible associate's degree. ■

☐ Yes

☐ No



Mechanics

- Make request to UofL Registrar to send electronic transcript through the National Student Clearinghouse
 - Students are not charged the \$7 transcript fee
- JCTC pulls down the transcript to complete degree checks
 - Degree checks are made by hand
 - Substitutions are made when necessary
- Back and forth between UofL and JCTC to fill in any missing information

Congratulations

- Communication sent via mail about the results of their degree check
 - Congratulations
 - Missing requirements
- Diplomas are mailed to students
- Students are given a voucher for a free transcript
- UofL receives credentials, posts, and notifies academic advisor for any scheduling changes

Exciting Data

415 Students, current enrollment at UofL:

- 186 Enrolled spring 2016
- 169 Have Graduated with Bachelor's Degree
- 60 Not enrolled spring 2016

85% Retained

41% Have Graduated

15% Stop-out rate

Testimonials

“Because I was able to receive my associates, I was able to take one less class and because of that I was able to graduate this Spring (2016)!!”

“After getting my associates through this program I am proud to say that I have an associates and it helps to stay motivated in my last semesters of my bachelors that I already have one degree.”

“It has added more credibility to my resume. Because of it I have been able to get a summer externship, a job, and a couple of scholarships totaling full ride”

“I ended up changing my major three years into college. The reverse degree program gives me something to put on my resume as I go forward in my new major. It’s at least proof I have done something with my college years.”

Testimonials

“This program allowed me to physically see that my all nighters and missed social events have paid off. I'll receive my bachelors in May 2017 so this was a awesome mini celebration.”

“I was excused from completing my last Gen Ed class during my senior semester.”

“I was lucky with my credits and actually got 2 associate degrees. I was promoted twice at my old job, which was a restaurant, from Cashier, to administrative assistant and manager. I have gotten a new job 3 months ago and have been promoted since then.”

“After receiving my associates degree through the reverse degree program I was able to become more marketable. I received a raise at work as well as have a couple other places approach me for a job. My raise helped me pay my car off 6 months early!!”